Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. There was an interim report just before the end of the three months. That was considered and it was only after considering that that this extension was recommended.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Did the Government call for candidates before he was appointed ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That was answered already last time.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, from which University has Mr. Sankara Menon passed his M. Sc. examination ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* He has passed from Lucknow.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, whether there are any prospects of fishing in Lucknow ? *(Laughter)*

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* What do you mean by it ?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* He cannot study anything about fishing from Lucknow.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* You are quite at liberty to entertain any opinion about any University.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There are practically no facilities for studying fishing, there.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* People go to England to study Malaria. There are no malarial cases there.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* To study Malaria in England will not be as practicable as to study it in Cochin *(Laughter).*

COMPULSORY PRIMARY EDUCATION IN BRITISH COCHIN

14. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government aware that compulsory primary education has been introduced in the neighbouring British Cochin Municipal area, which lies contiguous to Mattancheri ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know why it should not be extended to this State ?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Even before its introduction in British Cochin the question was very comprehensively considered by this House and rejected.

HIGH SCHOOLS IN MATTANCHERI—PROVISION FOR PLAYGROUNDS

15. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(*a*) whether any provisions have been made to provide adequate playgrounds for the three High Schools within the Mattancheri constituency ;

(*b*) are there provisions for playgrounds for the other 25 schools in Mattancheri constituency, and if so, what provisions are there ;

(*d*) are there gymnastic masters and provisions to give exercise to the children in all the schools in Mattancheri constitutency?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) There are 4 High Schools. In the T.D. High School, Cochin, which is a quasi-Government institution there is just enough land to serve as playgrounds. The other three are private institutions. (1) St. Peter's H. S., Kumbalanghy (2) St. Sebastin's H. S., Palluruthy and (3) H. E. H. M. H. S., Mattancheri. Of the above three, Kumbalanghy High School has more than ½ acre of land for playgrounds. The situation is not satisfactory in regard to the other two. The managements concerned are expected to provide the necessary facilities.

(*b*) In the other schools reasonable provision exists consistent with their standard except perhaps in the case of two or three Primary Schools. In some cases the schools have their own lands and in some cases *poramboke* land exists close by.

(*d*) There are gymnastic teachers only in the High Schools. Provision is made in the time-tables of all scoools for games and exercises.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I have seen something placed on the table with regard to the provision made for the T. D. School. Provision may also be made likewise for playgrounds. Government may be pleased to give grants to Kumbalangi, Palluruthi, and Mattancheri schools.

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